



## **Fotografiska curates Cooper & Gorfer exhibition “Between These Folded Walls, Utopia” at The Wall House Museum**

Running from 15<sup>th</sup> February to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and curated by Fotografiska, The Wall House Museum in St Barth will present the exhibition *Between These Folded Walls, Utopia*. A stirring photographic series on migration, resilience and the right to dream, created by Sarah Cooper and Nina Gorfer. The exhibition was previously exhibited across Fotografiska’s museums in New York, Stockholm and Tallinn.

In the series *Utopia*, the artistic duo explores the concept of utopia not as an idealized paradise but as a personal, reconstructive experience. They center their work on young women whose lives have been disrupted by forced migration. Women who have had to leave behind everything familiar and are now working to rebuild their identities in foreign lands.

Rendered in monumental, surreal tableaux, the portraits feature these women as powerful figures, often portrayed as goddesses, surrounded by rich, symbolic environments composed of architectural elements, lush vegetation, classical references, textiles from museum collections, and fragments of personal history. The work inviting questions such as:



“What do you hold close? Where is your secret place of belonging? If you had to leave everything behind and begin again, who would you be?”

This exploration is not about loss alone, it’s a reclamation of the right to dream, to reimagine oneself, and to reconstruct a sense of utopia from fragmented pasts. The vivid, saturated colors and theatrical composition offer a powerful alternative to conventional documentary portrayals of migration and displacement.

*“We are thrilled to bring Cooper & Gorfer’s Between These Folded Walls, Utopia to St. Barth, in collaboration with The Wall House Museum, offering a moving and timely reflection on migration, identity, and the dreaming of new lives. These images capture a universal sense of longing while celebrating the resilience and creativity of young women who transform moments of rupture into visions of hope.”* says **Yoram Roth, Executive Chairman of Fotografiska.**

*Utopia* is more than a collection of arresting portraits; it’s a visual theatre of hope and transformation. Cooper & Gorfer challenge us to reconsider our ideas of safety, belonging, and home. Through this exhibition The Wall House Museum and Fotografiska invite the community of St Barth to walk inside a dream and explore the idea of utopia. It encourages visitors to question the very nature of utopia, to consider who gets to dream of a perfect world, and how we all carry a piece of that dream with us.



## ABOUT THE ARTISTS



Cooper & Gorfer, the acclaimed artist duo of Sarah Cooper (USA, 1974) and Nina Gorfer (Austria, 1979), are celebrated for their evocative, multilayered portraits that explore the fluid terrain of female identity. Since beginning their collaboration in 2006, they have cultivated a singular visual language – fusing photography with collage, painting, and textile techniques to create richly textured, narrative worlds that blur the boundaries between reality and myth. Deeply collaborative in process and poetic in execution, their work gives form to untold stories and emotional legacies, offering a powerful, politically resonant meditation on womanhood in all its multiplicity.

## **ABOUT FOTOGRAFISKA**

Fotografiska is the global contemporary museum for photography, art, and culture. Guided by their mission to foster a more conscious world as the foremost gathering place for photography and visual storytelling – with locations in Stockholm, Berlin, Tallinn, and Shanghai – each Fotografiska museum serves as a dynamic hub where culture and community intersect, transforming the way audiences engage with photography and visual art.

Founded in Stockholm in 2010 and led by its Chairman Yoram Roth, Fotografiska is dedicated to inspiring new perspectives through world-class rotating exhibitions and a dynamic events program. More than a museum, Fotografiska creates cultural spaces that celebrate creativity, innovation and diverse artistic voices through the unparalleled power of photography.

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